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Alternative Fuel Vehicle Finance Initiative

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About Center for Climate and Energy Solutions



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- **Working to advance strong policy and action to address the twin challenges of energy and climate change**
- **Founded in 1998 as the Pew Center on Global Climate Change**
- **Became C2ES in 2011**

Business Environmental Leadership Council (BELC)



Presentation Overview



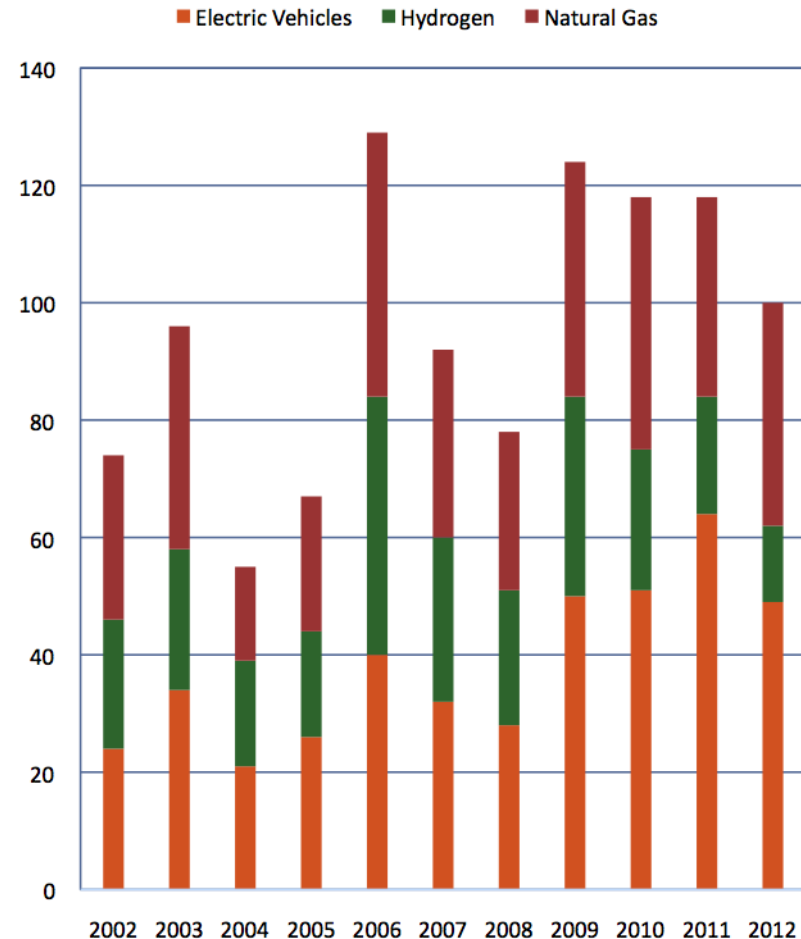
- **AFV market state of play**
- **Project motivation**
- **Project scope and timeline**
- **AFV Advisory Group**
- **First paper: barriers**
 - **Market barriers that finance can help address**
 - **Barriers to private finance in deployment**
 - **Possible solutions**

AFV Market State of Play



- **Lots of interest from policymakers**
(see chart at right)
- **Natural gas vehicles**
 - Vehicle count is about same from 2003-2011, but fuel use up 68%
- **Electric vehicles**
 - More than 100,000 sold between 2011 and mid-2013
- **Fueling infrastructure**
 - 6,366 out of 6,663 electric charging stations were installed since 2010
 - 484 out of the 1313 public and private natural gas fueling sites have opened since 2010

Addition of state AFV policies & incentives



Source: <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/data/10360>

Project Motivation: Public Benefits

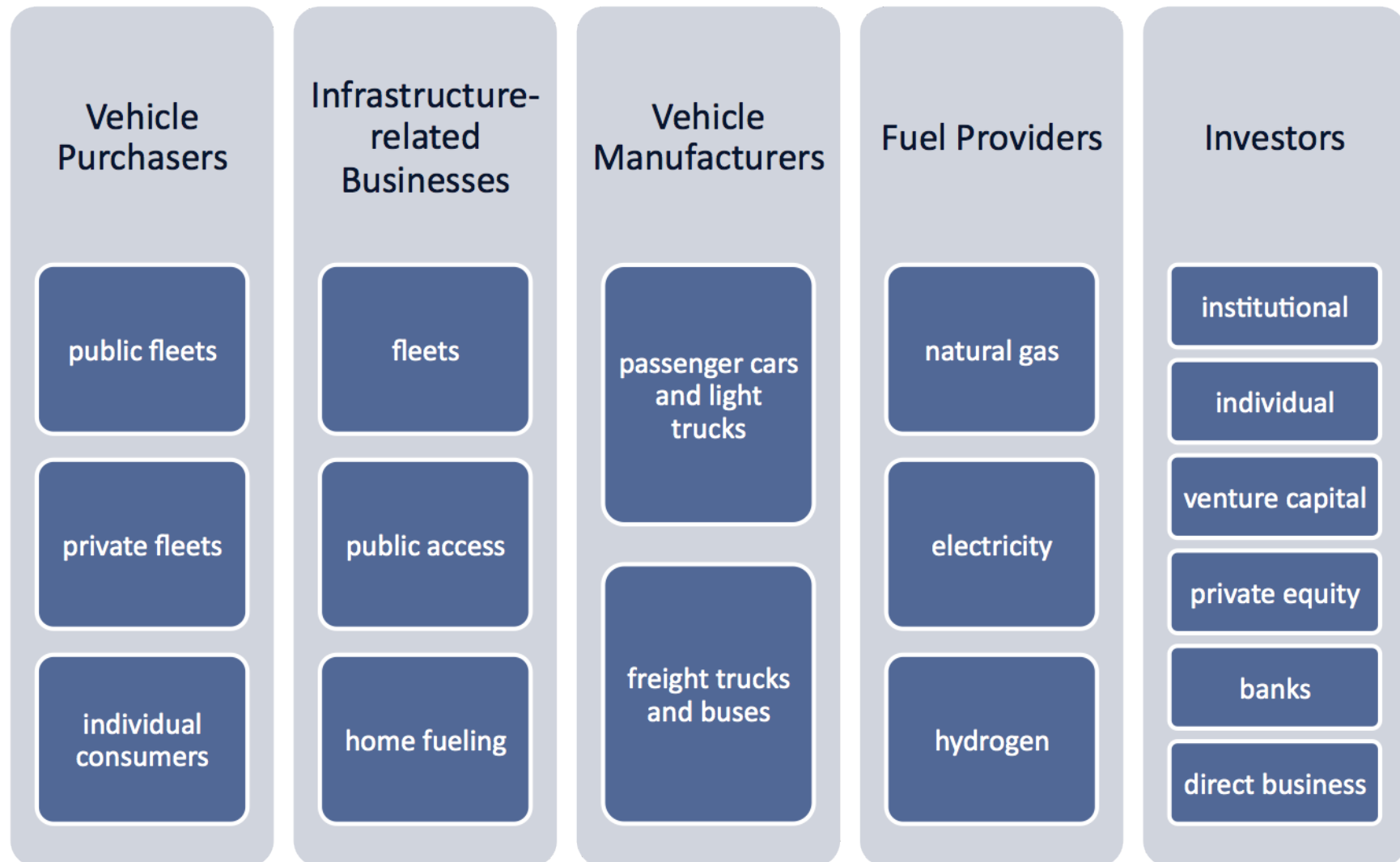


- **Public benefits of alternative fuels not captured in private market today**
 - Greenhouse gas reductions
 - Energy security
 - Local air quality
- **Lack of available public funds for deployment; need new private funding mechanisms**



- **Finance can correct market deficiencies and leverage public investments**
 - Monetize tax credits to expand eligibility
 - Consider total cost of ownership to lower upfront cost
- **Existing financial mechanisms have helped accelerate deployment of cleantech in other sectors**
 - Solar PV lease model
 - Energy savings performance contract for building energy efficiency technologies

Project Scope: Stakeholders and Fuel Types



Project Timeline



Identify Financial Barriers to Benefits

- Energy efficiency improvements
- Fuel savings
- Cost Savings
- Consumer undervaluing of operating cost savings
- Environmental & energy security benefits



Prepare 2 Case Studies

- Existing AFVs or fueling infrastructure project
- Apply financing for energy efficiency savings from buildings to transportation



Develop Innovative Business Models

- Fuel & vehicle value proposition
- Target market
- Cost structures & revenue streams
- Implementation and/or demonstration guidance.
- Test procedures



Create Strategic Plans for Implementation

- Location or market-specific challenges & opportunities
- Business model application to a particular market
- Guidance including key players, policy actions, cost & benefit, & anticipated results.

Year 1

Year 2

AFV Advisory Group



- **National, regional, and local stakeholders advisory group**
- **Committee will provide direction and feedback on private investments in AFV and fueling infrastructure related to:**
 - Barriers
 - Possible solutions
 - Outreach activities
- **Committee will disseminate lessons learned, enhance findings, and implement recommendations (e.g., pilot new business models)**
- **Communication among committee members and project team will occur throughout project**
 - 2-3 in-person meetings
 - Monthly conference calls and/or webinars

AFV Advisory Group Members

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| • Black Coral Capital | • Johnson Controls |
| • ChargePoint | • NASEO |
| • Coalition for Green Capital | • NYSERDA |
| • Colorado Energy Office | • NRG Energy |
| • DBL Investors | • Office of the Oklahoma Secretary of Energy |
| • American Gas Association | • Puget Sound Clean Air Agency |
| • EPRI | • Siemens |
| • Ernst and Young | • State of California |
| • General Electric | • Transportation Energy Partners |
| • General Motors | • Trillium CNG |
| | • UC-Berkeley |

First Paper: Market Barriers & Role of Private Finance



- **Market barriers private finance can address**
 - Higher upfront cost
 - Some legal and regulatory hurdles
 - Consumer risk aversion to new technologies
 - Extended payback time for fueling infrastructure investments
- **Market barriers it *cannot* address**
 - When an AFV or fueling site is uneconomical
 - Consumer education
 - Regulatory restrictions (e.g., third party resale of natural gas and electricity)
 - Industry standardization

First Paper: Market Barriers & Role of Private Finance



- **Barriers specific private investors in AFV and fueling infrastructure deployment**
 - Legal, regulatory, and institutional barriers
 - Information-related barriers
 - Risk barriers
 - Scale barriers
- **These barriers all make it more expensive to finance AFV projects: cost of capital**

Potential Solution from Commercial Building Sector



- **Energy savings performance contracts**
 - Used for building energy efficiency upgrades
 - Higher upfront cost of the technology, but lower operating cost
 - Finance bridges gap
 - Especially useful in the public sector
- **Possible AFV use: natural gas vehicles**

Potential Solution from Clean Energy Finance Banks



- **Solution for barriers to private finance**
- **Green banks**
 - Connecticut started green bank in 2011
 - NY has announced \$1 billion green bank
 - Leverage public money to attract larger private investment
 - Credit Enhancements
 - What are they?
 - How do they help?
 - Creating markets for new financial instruments
- **Possible AFV use: new financial instruments like securitized products**



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